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ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

Annual Report covering the period from 7 March 2003 to 26 February 2004

INTRODUCTION

1. The present Annual Report was adopted unanimously by the Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) at the sixth meeting of its fifty-ninth session on 26 February 2004.

CHAPTER I

ISSUES CALLING FOR ACTION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

2. The Commission endorsed the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources and proposed to the Economic and Social Council that it recommend its application worldwide.

CHAPTER II

WORK OF THE COMMISSION SINCE ITS FIFTY-EIGHTH SESSION

A. Activities of subsidiary bodies

3. A list of meetings held since the fifty-eighth session is contained in Annex I, showing in each case the dates, the officers and the symbols of the report. These reports record the agreements reached and decisions taken.

B. Other activities

4. The secretariat serviced the regular session of the Commission, Ad Hoc Informal Meetings of the Commission, meetings of its subsidiary bodies, and other meetings held under its auspices. Periodic reviews, including the Economic Survey of Europe, specialized statistical bulletins and other publications were issued (see Annex II). The secretariat maintained close and regular liaison with United Nations Headquarters and cooperated with the Departments concerned, as well as with the secretariats of the other regional commissions on projects of common interest.

C. Relations with other United Nations Programmes

5. The cooperation of the Commission and its secretariat in 2003/2004 with various United Nations bodies and other international organizations, as well as with their secretariats, has continued as called for in the Plan of Action.

CHAPTER III

FIFTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

A. Attendance and organization of work

6. The fifty-ninth session of the Commission was held from 24 to 26 February 2004. The Commission heard statements by the Chairman and the Executive Secretary as called for in the agenda.

7. The fifty-ninth session was attended by representatives from Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, and Uzbekistan.

8. The session was attended by representatives of the European Community.

9. Representatives of the Holy See participated under article 8 of the Commission's terms of reference.

10. Representatives of the United Nations Regional Commissions New York Office (RCNYO), United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and the following intergovernmental organizations were in attendance: Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC), Central European Initiative (CEI), Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB), International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

11. The following non-governmental organizations were represented: Centro de Estudios Europeos de Cuba, European Advisory Council for Technology (EACT), Institute of Economic Forecasting, International Council of Women (ICW), International Federation of Business and Professional Women, International Federation of University Women (IFUW), Zonta International.

12. A complete list of participants can be found in document E/ECE(59)/INF.1/Rev.1.

B. Agenda

13. The Commission adopted its agenda (E/ECE/1409) as orally revised.

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Economic developments in the UNECE region
3. Policies to stimulate competitiveness and growth

4. The UNECE reform
5. The UNECE's cooperation with OSCE
6. The work of the UNECE: achievements, constraints and perspectives
7. Preparations for, and follow-up to, global and regional conferences
8. Overview of UNECE technical cooperation activities
9. Report of the Group of Experts on the Programme of Work (GEPW)
10. Election of Officers
11. Adoption of the Report

C. Election of Officers

14. The Chairman of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission was Mr. Clyde Kull (Estonia) and the Vice-Chairpersons Mr. Vladimir Thanati (Albania), Mr. Sergei Aleinik (Belarus) and Mr. Michel Adam (Belgium).

15. The Rapporteurs of the session were Mrs Gabriela Constantinescu (Romania) and Mrs. Mariana Noteboom (Netherlands).

16. At its sixth meeting the Commission elected Mr. Wolfgang Petritsch (Austria) Chairman of the sixtieth session. Mr. Vladimir Thanati (Albania), Mr. Sergei Aleinik (Belarus) were re-elected Vice-Chairpersons of the sixtieth session. Mr. Algimantas Rimkunas (Lithuania) was elected Vice-Chairperson of the sixtieth session.

D. Account of proceedings

Economic developments in the UNECE region
(Agenda item 2)

17. For the consideration of this item the Commission had before it the Economic Survey of Europe 2004 No. 1.

18. The findings of the Economic Survey were presented to the Commission. Among the points made were the following:

- Economic recovery had gained momentum throughout the region in the course of 2003, led by robust growth in the United States, but also supported by dynamic expansion in emerging Asia and Japan;
- The euro area, however, had lagged behind primarily due to sluggish performance in the three largest economies, France, Germany and Italy;
- Growth had picked up in Eastern Europe, while the CIS was among the most dynamic regions in the world;

- The outlook for 2004 was generally optimistic, although considerable downside risks remained, notably persistent current account imbalances in the United States and associated risks of excessive exchange rate volatility.

19. The following issues were raised in connection with the discussion on the Economic Survey of Europe, No.1, 2004:

- The late submission of the Survey considerably hampered the opportunities for a thorough exchange of views during the Session. The secretariat was therefore urged, in future, to provide delegations with a draft Survey well in advance of the annual session;

- The debate was used to question the structure, themes and timeliness of the Survey*;

- The secretariat was invited to consult with member States on special topics for inclusion in the future Surveys. At the same time, the secretariat reminded the Commission of the importance of independent and objective economic analysis;

- The need to ensure value-added of the Survey was emphasized, and the inclusion of latest available data from reliable sources, in order to provide a full picture and sound conclusions, as well as improve the quality of the analysis and conclusions in the Survey;

- The necessity to avoid any duplication with other analytical papers regularly produced by other United Nations and non-United Nations organizations was also mentioned.

Policies to stimulate competitiveness and growth
(Agenda item 3)

20. The discussion on this item was organized around two Round Tables as follows:

(i) Round Table I: «Best practices and national policies that have proved successful in increasing competitiveness and growth». Ambassador Clyde Kull, Chairperson, UNECE, acted as the moderator. The following senior officials participated as panellists: Mrs. Signe Ratso, Deputy Secretary General, European Union and International Co-operation Department, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications of Estonia; Mr. Ilkka Mytty, Financial Counsellor, Department of Economics, Ministry of Finance of Finland; Mr. Dmitry Liakishev, Head of Division, Department of International Organizations and Multilateral Trade Negotiations, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Russian Federation; and Ms. Lynn Cassel, Deputy Chief of Mission, Permanent Mission of the United States to the United Nations Office in Geneva.

(ii) Round Table II: «Regional Initiatives and Cooperation in the UNECE Region and the Role of UNECE in Stimulating Competitiveness». Ms. Z. Shaimergenova, Ambassador, Permanent

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* Under subsequent agenda items, a number of member States questioned the continued utility of the Economic Survey in the light of similar economic analysis undertaken by other international and regional organizations.

Representative of Kyrgyzstan to the United Nations Office at Geneva; Mr. W. Padina, Deputy Director-General for European Integration and International Affairs, Ministry of Transport, Construction and Tourism, Romania; Mr. C. Tsarouchas, Secretary-General, Black Sea Trade and Development Bank; Ms. A. Stankovic, Councellor of the Embassy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia, representing the Central European Initiative (CEI) presidency; Mr. P. Sanfey, Senior Economist, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).

21. The first Round Table identified best practices and national policies that have proved successful in increasing competitiveness and growth:

(i) Government policies matter for competitiveness and growth

(ii) However, competitiveness is not a matter of big versus small government

(iii) The experiences of different countries show that the key to achieving or maintaining competitiveness is to ensure the effectiveness of government policies and institutions that channel market forces towards desirable outcomes

(iv) The discussion revealed that there are substantial differences in this regard within the UNECE region

(v) Government financial support should be focused on areas where social returns exceed private returns and therefore private funding would be inadequate

(vi) A competitive economy needs creative entrepreneurial activity

(vii) It is therefore important to lower the costs of doing business, to dismantle excessive administrative barriers and to improve the efficiency of government services

(viii) At the same time, an effective competition policy should boost competitiveness and growth

(ix) Sophisticated technology will be increasingly important for competitiveness in the future

(x) A competitive economy therefore requires an efficient education system and a steady flow of investment in human capital

(xi) Also, experience suggests that it is important to encourage private sector to invest in R&D

22. The second Round Table focused on regional initiatives and cooperation in the UNECE region and on the role of UNECE in stimulating competitiveness. Based on the contributions of the panellists and the subsequent discussion on the floor, the following points can be highlighted:

(i) regional cooperation can play an important role in fostering competitiveness and growth

(ii) presently, there are significant differences across subregions in the extent of integration and cooperation

(iii) regional initiatives should include a focus on competitiveness among their priorities

(iv) in order to be effective, these priorities have to be translated into clear operative targets that can be monitored

(v) currently, there is still a lack of efficient mechanisms for implementation of operative targets

(vi) regional initiatives should make sure to involve all relevant stakeholders including central and local governments, the business and academic communities

(vii) it is important to harness funding from governments but also from international financial institutions and the private sector, particularly to support the emergence of a vibrant network of small and medium-sized innovative enterprises

(viii) one key priority should be the promotion of free trade, market access and trade facilitation; in this regard, regional cooperation is especially important in the development of infrastructure (in the areas of transport, telecommunication, and energy networks) and in the harmonization of regulatory frameworks

(ix) another important area for regional cooperation is the opening of labour markets and the facilitation of intra-regional labour mobility

(x) regional organizations like UNECE could provide a forum for the exchange of best practices, for instance on education, human resource management, entrepreneurship, science and technology management, ICT and information society

(xi) it is encouraging that existing regional initiatives are increasingly promoting the transition to knowledge-based economies via the promotion of education, human resources development and training, and research and development

23. The discussion noted the role the UNECE has played in promoting competitiveness and growth by promoting regional free trade, developing efficient infrastructure in transport and energy, encouraging transition to a knowledge-based economy, and by providing a forum for discussing and exchanging best practices, encouraging and contributing to initiatives at the regional and subregional level, and offering technical assistance, notably in meeting the new challenges posed by the advance of the knowledge-driven economy. The significant role of the EU Lisbon Strategy for economic, social and environmental renewal was also mentioned by a number of speakers.

The UNECE reform
(Agenda item 4)

24. The Commission considered this item on the basis of documents «The UNECE Reform» (E/ECE/1411), «Technical Cooperation Strategy» (E/ECE/1411/Add.1) and «Work of the Group

of Experts on the Programme of Work» (E/ECE/1415/Add.1). The Chairman of the Commission also tabled two proposals: one on the conduct of an external review of the UNECE and another on adjustments to the programme planning process.

25. The paper on reform and information on the follow-up already taken on the actions proposed by the secretariat in 2003 was welcomed. Given the enlargement of the EU and the new geopolitical reality within the region, the role and place of the UNECE in the new European institutional architecture needed to be reviewed, in order to ensure its relevance and effectiveness in the new European context.

26. In line with these views and taking into account the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/58/16), in support of the current United Nations (A/58/351) and Economic Commission for Europe (E/ECE/1411) reform exercises, and building on the recommendation of the Group of Experts on the Programme of Work (GEPW) (E/ECE/1415/Add.1), the Commission thus decided to commission a comprehensive report on the state of the UNECE with the aim of developing recommendations to determine what changes to the role, mandate and functions of the UNECE are necessary in light of the changes in the European institutional architecture since the UNECE was created almost 60 years ago. The report should be guided by the will of member States to avoid duplication, and ensure cooperation, complementarity and efficiencies among intergovernmental organizations. The review exercise should also cover the mandate of the GEPW with a view to possibly strengthening its role as an intergovernmental supervisory body within the UNECE. All stakeholders should be consulted by the authors. Relevant best practices in other organizations as well as management evaluations of other fora will be a reference in this regard.

27. Further, the Commission instructed the Group of Experts on the Programme of Work to develop terms of reference and a budget, and determine the qualified author(s), for the report, for approval at an ad hoc informal meeting of the Commission before 31 May 2004. The report should be paid for out of extra-budgetary resources committed for this purpose. The report should be prepared in time to allow it to be considered at the Sixtieth Annual Session of the Commission in early 2005.

28. The Commission also endorsed the actions proposed by the secretariat, as well as the recommendations proposed by the Group of Experts on the Programme of Work, as follows:

With regard to intergovernmental structures,

(a) The Annual Session will discuss adjustment of the intergovernmental structure at the Commission level if any eligible body proposes it (Action 1 of document E/ECE/1399);

(b) The Principal Subsidiary Bodies (PSBs) of UNECE will review biennially their intergovernmental structure, including related advisory groups and report to the Commission at its Annual Session (Action 2 of document E/ECE/1399, orally revised).

With regard to evaluation of the work of the Principal Subsidiary Bodies,

(c) The Commission endorsed the proposals on best practice for evaluation as outlined in the report of the GEPW, E/ECE/1415/Add.1 biennially.

With regard to the priority setting mechanism for technical cooperation activities,

(d) The Commission endorsed the proposals by the Group of Experts as contained in Annex II of the document E/ECE/1411.

29. As part of the discussion on the reform, the following observations and proposals were made by delegations:

- Need to ensure transparency and effectiveness in the management of budgetary and extrabudgetary resources;
- Invite the secretariat to hold consultations with member States when planning seminars and workshops in order to ensure inclusion of needed themes, an appropriate level of participation and geographical balance in representation of sub-regions and groups;
- Strive to put information and documents on the UNECE website in the three official languages of the Commission;
- Stop the publication and dissemination of the biannual collections of UNECE press releases.

30. Concerning the work programme planning process, in view of the complexity of the issues involved and the need to fulfil requirements of United Nations Headquarters, the Commission requested the secretariat and the Group of Experts on the Programme of Work to work together to produce a new version, based on the amended proposal tabled by the Chairman, that will provide more information on the timing of each stage of the process, with a view to submitting it for endorsement by the Commission at its next ad hoc informal session.

31. The Commission endorsed the Technical Cooperation Strategy contained in E/ECE/1411/Add.1 and urged the secretariat to implement it. The Strategy was seen as a response to the new challenges faced by the Commission in the area of technical cooperation that identified measures aimed at addressing these challenges as well as supporting the priority-setting mechanism, improving the system of monitoring and evaluation, and strengthening coordination and fund-raising in support of technical cooperation activities. Member States expressed their appreciation of UNECE work in this area, including the work of the regional advisers. The need to further strengthen technical assistance activities particularly in SEE and South Caucasus and CA, and to improve cooperation with other parts of the United Nations family such as UNDP and UNEP was also underscored.

32. In addressing UNECE technical cooperation some delegations also expressed the following views:

- The need for mobilization of additional extrabudgetary resources for technical cooperation activities

- Technical cooperation should remain demand-driven and results-oriented, and be carried out in accordance with the UNECE core sub-programmes.

- The need for the Regional Advisers to consult with those member States to whom they render advisory services on the purpose and organizational aspects of their country missions.

The UNECE's cooperation with OSCE
(Agenda item 5)

33. The Commission considered this agenda item on the basis of document E/ECE/1410, entitled the UNECE's Cooperation with OSCE, and Conference Room Paper 2.

34. Points emphasized by the Executive Secretary of the UNECE and the Secretary-General of the OSCE in their introductory statements included:

- The 1997 UNECE Plan of Action stated that the UNECE should consolidate cooperation with organizations such as the OSCE, which have a similar membership to the UNECE and a complementary mandate.

- The UNECE enjoyed a privileged position among all the organizations with which the OSCE cooperated and the OSCE's New Strategy Document identified the UNECE as the key partner in the implementation of the Document.

- The New Strategy Document of the OSCE provided the basis for a new and deeper relationship between the OSCE and UNECE but the relationship had still to be defined.

- An intersecretariat task force had been established that would prepare a detailed plan for cooperation on the basis of which a Memorandum of Understanding between the two organizations would be prepared. The plan, which would include resource implications for the work proposed to be carried out by the UNECE and OSCE, would be submitted to both the Commission and the OSCE Economic and Environment Sub-Committee for consideration and decision regarding the support to be given to the OSCE.

35. During the discussion a number of points were made:

- The Commission welcomed the formalization of relations between OSCE and the UNECE in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding, which should not duplicate the work done under other cooperation agreements. The draft Memorandum of Understanding will be discussed with member States;

- The UNECE work with OSCE should be reflected in the UNECE's programme of work 2006-2007. For the current programme of work, the secretariat will provide an ad hoc adjustment;

- Resource implications of the cooperation between the UNECE and OSCE should be provided to member States for their consideration, including ways of possible financing;

- Cooperation with other international and regional organizations in the implementation of the New Strategy Document should be supported in order to complement the limited mandate and competence of the UNECE;

- The need to review and prioritize the work of the Economic Analysis Division, including the Economic Survey, was mentioned. In addition, it was stated that also other Divisions, in particular the Environment and Human Settlements Division and the Trade and Timber Division, should take into account the fact that the new enhanced relationship with OSCE may have implications on the work of the various UNECE Divisions.

- The establishment of the intersecretariat task force that is open and transparent and which will allow for the involvement of member States was welcomed.

36. The Commission provided general agreement on continued cooperation between the UNECE and OSCE. It agreed to the proposal of the Executive Secretary, namely that the intersecretariat task force prepare a detailed plan, including resource implications, that would be subsequently submitted to the Commission for its consideration and decision. The Commission further agreed to the involvement of the UNECE in the transitional review of commitments in preparation for the OSCE Economic Forum in June 2004 in the same manner as it has been doing so far.

The work of the UNECE: Achievements, constraints and perspectives
(Agenda item 6)

37. The Commission considered this agenda item on the basis of the document « The Work of the UNECE: Achievements, Constraints and Perspectives» (E/ECE/1412).

38. The Chairpersons/Vice-Chairpersons of PSBs made presentations focusing on the outlook and challenges ahead, in particular the impact of the EU enlargement on their work.

39. A number of points were made during the discussion, including:

- Most of the PSBs have already reviewed their priorities and activities in the light of the EU enlargement;

- There is a need for higher involvement of countries from the CIS region, Central Asia and South East Europe in ECE activities;

- It was proposed to provide consolidated information on the schedule of meetings and seminars under all PSBs at future Annual Sessions with a view to better planning the participation of delegates from member States;

- It was suggested to supplement the report on Achievements, Constraints and Perspectives with additional information concerning administrative and financial matters, as well as with a qualitative assessment of programme implementation;

- Concern was expressed regarding the consequences of the General Assembly's decision to freeze recruitment of extrabudgetary General Service posts servicing a number of activities, including UNECE's legal instruments.

40. The Chair concluded by emphasizing the usefulness of hearing about UNECE's work from the PSBs.

Preparations for, and follow-up to, global and regional conferences
(Agenda item 7)

41. The discussion under this item took place on the basis of the note by the Executive Secretary on «Preparation for and Follow-up to World and Regional Conferences» (E/ECE/1413) and Conference Room Paper 3 on «Proposal for UNECE's Follow-up Activities to the World Summit on the Information Society».

42. With regard to the World Summit on the Information Society, the Commission endorsed the following proposals contained in Conference Room paper 3:

- UNECE will participate in the high-level organizing committee (HLSOC) for the second phase of the WSIS;

- UNECE will participate in the three PrepCom meetings for the Summit;

- UNECE will liaise with the WSIS Executive Secretariat regarding the possible organization of preparatory meetings and side events at the Tunis summit;

- Member States will consult at an ad hoc informal meeting of the Commission regarding the possibility of developing projects with other regional commissions;

- UNECE will further develop the e-assessment reports already agreed in the UNECE programme of work under the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development.

43. It was also agreed that UNECE will ask the United Nations Statistical Commission to take the lead in possibly organizing a regional ICT-related meeting on the monitoring of information society issues, in cooperation with relevant regional and international organizations, with UNECE participating as appropriate.

44. The Commission also endorsed the proposal of the Executive Secretary to help organize one or two sub-regional meetings to promote the implementation of the information society in the concerned countries and to benefit from the exchange of best practices and policies in them.

45. The Commission noted the success of the First Regional Implementation Forum on Sustainable Development and looked forward to the debate within the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD). The exercise proved very useful and should be repeated in future, taking into account developments in the CSD.

46. With regard to the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries on Transit Transport Cooperation, the Commission endorsed the proposal that, as a follow-up to the Conference, UNECE could within its present resources continue or undertake the activities outlined in paragraph 2 of document E/ECE/1413.

47. With regard to follow-up to Beijing, the Commission endorsed the proposal to organize a UNECE regional preparatory meeting for Beijing +10 to take place in the last quarter of 2004, as was done in 2000.

48. The Commission also endorsed the proposal of the Executive Secretary to devote the High Level Policy segment of the Sixtieth Annual Session of the Commission to the topic of follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD), and recommended FfD as a thematic orientation of the next Spring Seminar.

Overview of UNECE technical cooperation activities
(Agenda item 8)

49. The Commission considered this agenda item on the basis of the document «UNECE Technical Cooperation Activities in 2003: An Overview» (E/ECE/1414).

50. During the ensuing discussion, the following points were made:

- Appreciation was expressed for the informative and well-structured document that provided a clear picture of technical cooperation activities, including relevant financial information.

- The importance of technical cooperation activities, that are well structured both sectorally and geographically, was underlined as an essential supporting part of the UNECE activities.

- Technical cooperation should be focused on the countries most in need, be demand-driven and result-oriented, and it should be carried out in accordance with the UNECE core sub-programmes of work in accordance with the Technical Cooperation Strategy endorsed at the present session.

- The work of the Regional Advisers was highly appreciated, in particular in the areas of sustainable energy, environment, transport and statistics.

- The work programmes of some Regional Advisers should be more clearly defined.

- The need for more active consultations with member States in preparing Regional Advisers' work programmes was highlighted. The need for finding additional resources for the second Regional Adviser on transport was underlined.

- Technical cooperation activities need to be supported by additional resources and the secretariat was urged to undertake additional efforts for attracting extra-budgetary resources, in particular through involvement of the private sector as appropriate.

- While cooperation with other organizations in implementing technical cooperation activities was appreciated, there is a need for stepping-up inter-agency coordination in this area.

Report of the Group of Experts on the Programme of Work (GEPW)
(Agenda item 9)

51. The Commission considered this item on the basis of documents on the Work of the Group of Experts on the Programme of Work (E/ECE/1415 and Add.1)

52. The proposals on best practice for evaluation as outlined in the report of the GEPW (E/ECE/1415/Add.1) were endorsed by the Commission during its discussion of the agenda item 4 on UNECE reform (see paragraph 28 above).

53. The Commission expressed its appreciation for the work done by the GEPW and the effective role played by its Chairperson. In view of the additional tasks assigned to the Group by the Commission and the strengthened role in guiding the activities of UNECE, the need to redefine the mandate of GEPW was reiterated. It was noted that this issue would be covered by the review exercise already decided by the Commission (see paragraph 26 above).

Other business

54. As indicated in the letter of the Executive Secretary to member States of 5 February 2004, at its thirteenth session in November 2003, the Committee on Sustainable Energy approved the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources that had been developed by the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the Harmonization of Energy Reserves/Resources Terminology, and recommended its application to all countries worldwide. The Committee further requested the Commission to endorse the Classification and to submit a proposal for an ECOSOC decision to this effect.

55. The Commission endorsed the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources and decided to propose to ECOSOC that it recommend its application to all countries worldwide.

Adoption of the Annual Report of the Commission
(Agenda item 11)

56. At its sixth meeting, on 26 February 2004, the Commission adopted its report covering the period from 7 March 2003 to 26 February 2004.

ANNEX I

LIST OF MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION'S SUBSIDIARY BODIES IN 2003/2004

Body and officers		Session	Symbol of report
THE COMMISSION			
Ad Hoc Informal Meeting of the Commission		26 June 2003	E/ECE/1407
Chairperson:	Mr. C. Kull (Estonia)	2 September 2003	E/ECE/1408
		5 November 2003	–
		1 December 2003	–
Steering Committee for Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP)		1st session 10-11 April 2003	ECE/AC.21/2003/6 EUR/03/5040828/6
Chairman:	Mr. Z. Lomtadze (Georgia)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. J. Volf (Czech Republic)		
	Mr. R. Saari (Finland)		
Regional Implementation Forum on Sustainable Development		15-16 January 2004	ECE/AC.25/2004/2
Chairman:	Mrs. M. Beckett (United Kingdom)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. Z. Lomtadze (Georgia)		
	Mr. P. Roch (Switzerland)		
	Mrs E. Szolgayova (Slovakia)		
Regional Symposium on Gender Mainstreaming into Economic Policies		28-30 January 2004	ECE/AC.26/2004/3
Chairman:	–		
European Population Forum 2004		12-14 January 2004	ECE/AC.27/2004/2
Chairman:	Mr. W. Fust (Switzerland)		
Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution			
Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution		21st session 15-18 December 2003	ECE/EB.AIR/79
Chairman:	Mr. H. Dovland (Norway)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. W. Harnett (United States)		
	Mr. L. Lindau (Sweden)		
	Mr. I. Mojik (Slovakia)		
	Mr. J. Schneider (Austria)		
	Mr. P. Széll (United Kingdom)		
	Mr. R. Ballaman (Switzerland)		
	Mr. H.-D. Gregor (Germany)		

Body and officers	Session	Symbol of report
Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP)	27th session 8-10 September 2003	EB.AIR/GE.1/2003/2
Chairman: Mr. J. Schneider (Austria) **Vice-Chairmen:** Mr. S. Doytchnov (Italy) Mr. P. Grennfelt (Sweden) Mr. R. Van Aalst (Netherlands) Mr. J. Santroch (Czech Republic) Ms. S. Vidic (Croatia) Ms. M. Wichmann-Fiebig (European Community)		
Working Group on Effects	22nd session 3-5 September 2003	EB.AIR/WG.1/2003/2
Chairman: Mr. H.-D. Gregor (Germany) **Vice-Chairmen:** Mr. B. Achermann (Switzerland) Mr. G. Fenech (Canada) Mr. T. Johannessen (Norway) Mr. R. Farret (France) Mr. W. Mill (Poland)		
Working Group on Strategies and Review	35th session 16-19 September 2003	EB.AIR/WG.5/76
Chairman: Mr. R. Ballaman (Switzerland) **Vice-Chairmen:** Ms. K. Scavo (United States) Ms. N. Karpova (Russian Federation) Mr. J. Sliggers (Netherlands) Mr. P. Jilek (Czech Republic)		
Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes		
Second Joint Special Session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes and Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents	21 May 2003 Kiev (Ukraine)	ECE/MP.WAT/12 ECE/CP.TEIA/10
Chairman: Mr. P. Roch (Switzerland) **Vice-Chairmen:** Mr. V. Ayvazian (Armenia) Mr. G. Duca (Republic of Moldova)		
Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes Madrid (Spain)	3rd meeting 26-28 November 2003	ECE/MP.WAT/15
Chairman: Mr. M. Varela (Spain) **Vice-Chairmen:** Mr. T. Stratenwerth (Germany) Mrs. B. Czerska (Poland)		

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Working Group on Water Management		4th meeting 28-29 April 2003	MP.WAT/WG.1/ 2003/2
Chairman:	Mr. M. Matushka (Slovakia)	Helsinki (Finland)	
Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment		4th meeting 12-13 September 2003	MP.WAT/WG.2/ 2003/2
Chairman:	Mrs L. Kauppi (Finland)	St. Michielsgestel	
Vice-Chairman:	Mrs Z. Buzas (Hungary)	(Netherlands)	
Meeting of Signatories to the Protocol on Water and Health		2nd meeting 2-4 July 2003	MP.WAT/AC.2/ 2003/2
Chairman:	Mr. T. Kistemann (Germany)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. H. Liiv (Estonia)		

Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context

Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment		6th meeting 27-29 October 2003	MP.EIA/WG.1/2003/7
Chairman:	Mr. S. Ruchti (Switzerland)		
Vice-Chairman:	Ms. V. Grigorova (Bulgaria)	7th meeting 28-30 January 2004	MP.EIA/WG.1/2004/2
Preparatory Meeting for the First Meeting of the Signatories to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment		1st meeting 27-28 November 2003	MP.EIA/AC.3/2003/2
		2nd meeting 26-27 January 2004	MP.EIA/AC.3/2004/2
Chairman:	Mr. J. De Mulder (Belgium)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. G. Zhorzholiani (Georgia)		
	Mr. D. Aspinwall (European Commission)		

Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents

Second Joint Special Session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes and Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents		21 May 2003 Kiev (Ukraine)	ECE/MP.WAT/12 ECE/CP.TEIA/10
Chairman:	Mr. P. Roch (Switzerland)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. V. Ayvazian (Armenia)		
	Mr. G. Duca (Republic of Moldova)		

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Meeting of Parties to the Convention on access to information, public participation in decision making and access to justice in environmental matters

Extraordinary Meeting of Parties to the Convention on access to information, public participation in decision-making and access to justice in environmental matters		1st meeting 21 May 2003 Kiev (Ukraine)	ECE/MP.PP/4
Chairman:	Mr. D. Gauer (France)		
Working Party on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers		1st meeting 16-18 February 2004	MP.PP/AC.1/2004/2
Chairman:	Mr. K. Blaha (Czech Republic)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. M. Amand (Belgium) Mr. M. Isobaev (Tajikistan)		
Working Group on Genetically Modified Organisms		1st meeting 9-11 April 2003	MP.PP/AC.2/ 2003/2
Chairman:	Mr. H. Gaugitsch (Austria)		
Vice-Chairman:	Ms. N. Preradovic (Croatia)	2nd meeting 1-3 October 2003	MP.PP/AC.2/ 2003/4
Working Group of the Parties to the Convention		1st meeting 23-24 October 2003	MP.PP/WG.1/2003/2
Chairman:	Mr. M. Pallemaerts (Belgium)		
Compliance Committee		1st meeting 17-18 March 2003	MP.PP/C.1/2003/2
Chairman:	Mr. V. Koester (Denmark)		
Vice-Chairman:	Ms. S. Kravchenko (Ukraine)	2nd meeting 18-19 September 2003	MP.PP/C.1/2003/4
		3rd meeting 22-23 January 2004	MP.PP/C.1/2004/2

ENVIRONMENT

Committee on Environmental Policy		10th session 20-22 October 2003	ECE/CEP/116
Chairman:	Mr. H. Von Meijenfeldt (Netherlands)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Ms. H. Cizková (Czech Republic) Mr. Z. Lomtadze (Georgia) Mr. B.-A. Szelinski (Germany) Mr. S. Tveretinov (Russian Federation) Mr. J. Kahn (Sweden) Mr. M. Dimovski (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) Ms. L. Poulton (United States)		

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Ad Hoc Expert Group on Environmental Performance Reviews		11th meeting 16-17 October 2003	–
Co-Chairmen:	Ms. V. Grigorova (Bulgaria) Mr. H. Liiv (Estonia)		
Ad Hoc Working Group on Environmental Monitoring		5th session 3 September 2003	–
Chairman:	Mr. Yu. Tsaturov (Russian Federation)		
Ad Hoc Preparatory Working Group of Senior Officials «Environment for Europe»		6th session 3-4 April 2003	CEP/AC.11/2003/11
Chairman:	Mr. V. Shevchuk (Ukraine)		
Chairman:	Mr. S. Poliakov (Ukraine)	Special session 22 October 2003	CEP/AC.11/2003/34
First Regional Meeting on Education for Sustainable Development		19-20 February 2004	CEP/AC.13/2004/2
Chairman: **Vice-Chairman:**	Mr. J. Kahn (Sweden) Mr. N. Kasimov (Russian Federation)		
	TRANSPORT		
Inland Transport Committee		66th session 17-19 February 2004	ECE/TRANS/156
Chairman: **Vice-Chairman:**	Mr. P. Päffgen (Germany) Mr. N. Matyuchenko (Russian Federation)		
Ad Hoc Meeting of Experts on the Convention on Civil Liability for Damage caused during Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road, Rail and Inland Navigation Vessels (CRTD)		3rd session 7-9 July 2003	TRANS/AC.8/6
		4th session 3-4 November 2003	TRANS/AC.8/8
Chairman:	Mr. J.E. de Boer (Netherlands)		
Ad Hoc Multidisciplinary Group of Experts on Safety in Tunnels (rail)		3rd session 27-28 March 2003	TRANS/AC.9/6
Chairman:	Mr. G. Fudger (United Kingdom)	4th session 26-27 June 2003	TRANS/AC.9/8
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. K.-J. Bieger (Germany)		

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Working Party on Road Traffic Safety		41st session 31 March-3 April 2003	TRANS/WP.1/88
Chairman:	Mr. B. Périsset (Switzerland)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. D. Link (Israel) Mr. Y. Yakimov (Russian Federation)	42nd session 8-10 July 2003	TRANS/WP.1/90
		43rd session 22-25 September 2003	TRANS/WP.1/92
Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics		16th session 24-26 September 2003	TRANS/WP.5/34
Chairman:	Mr. V. Arsenov (Russian Federation)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. W. Zarnoch (Poland)		
Working Party on Transport Statistics		54th session 11-13 June 2003	TRANS/WP.6/145
Chairman:	Mr. E. Grib (Denmark)		
Ad Hoc Meeting on the Road Traffic Census 2005		29-30 September 2003	TRANS/WP.6/AC.2/16
Chairman:	Mrs O. Kastlova (Czech Republic)		
Ad Hoc Meeting on the E-Rail Traffic Census 2005		2-3 October 2003	TRANS/WP.6/AC.4/2
Chairman:	Mr. E. Grib (Denmark)		
Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs		59th session 27-31 October 2003	TRANS/WP.11/208
Chairman:	Mr. M. Eilsoe (Denmark)		
Vice-Chairman:	Ms. B. Brunnhuber (Germany)		
Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods		74th session 19-23 May 2003	TRANS/WP.15/174
Chairman:	Mr. J. Franco (Portugal)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mrs. A. Roumier (France)	75th session 19-23 January 2004	TRANS/WP.15/176
Joint Meeting of the RID Safety Committee and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods		24-28 March 2003 Bern (Switzerland)	TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/92
Chairman:	Mr. C. Pfauvadel (France)	1-10 September 2003 &	TRANS/WP.15/
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. H. Rein (Germany)	13-17 October 2003 Bonn (Germany)	AC.1/94
Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN)		8th session 26-29 January 2004	TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/17
Chairman:	Mr. H. Rein (Germany)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. M. Rak (Czech Republic)		

Body and officers		Session	Symbol of report
Working Party on Combined Transport		39th session 14-15 April 2003	TRANS/WP.24/99
Chairman:	Mr. M. Viardot (France)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mrs. M. Masclee (Netherlands)	40th session 29 September- 1 October 2003	TRANS/WP.24/101
World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29)		129th session 11-14 March 2003	TRANS/WP.29/909
Chairman:	Mr. V. Koutenev (Russian Federation)	130th session 24-27 June 2003	TRANS/WP.29/906
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. B. Gauvin (France)		
		131st session 11-14 November 2003	TRANS/WP.29/953
Working Party on Noise		38th session 9-10 October 2003	TRANS/WP.29/ GRB/36
Chairman:	Mr. H. Löffelholz (Germany)		
		39th session 24-26 February 2004	TRANS/WP.29/ GRB/37
Working Party on Lighting and Light-signalling		50th session 7-11 April 2003	TRANS/WP.29/ GRE/50
Chairman:	Mr. H. Gorzkowski (Canada)		
		51st session 15-19 September 2003	TRANS/WP.29/ GRE/51
Working Party on Pollution and Energy		46th session 19-23 May 2003	TRANS/WP.29/ GRPE/46
Chairman:	Mr. B. Gauvin (France)		
		47th session 13-16 January 2004	TRANS/WP.29/ GRPE/47
Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear		54th session 6-8 October 2003	TRANS/WP.29/ GRRF/54
Chairman:	Mr. I. Yarnold (United Kingdom)		
		55th session 3-6 February 2004	TRANS/WP.29/ GRRF/55
Working Party on General Safety Provisions		84th session 5-9 May 2003	TRANS/WP.29/ GRSG/63
Chairman:	Mr. A. Erario (Italy)		
		85th session 21-24 October 2003	TRANS/WP.29/ GRSG/64
Working Party on Passive Safety		33rd session 2-6 June 2003	TRANS/WP.29/ GRSP/33
Chairman:	Ms. J. Abraham (United States)		
		34th session 8-12 December 2003	TRANS/WP.29/ GRSP/34

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Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport		104th session 17-20 June 2003	TRANS/WP.30/208
Chairman:	Mr. G. Jacobs (Netherlands)	105th session 23-26 September 2003	TRANS/WP.30/210
		103rd session 2-6 February 2004	TRANS/WP.30/212
Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention 1975		35th session 25-26 September 2003	TRANS/WP.30/ AC.2/71
Chairman:	Mr. R. Sen (Turkey)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mrs. M. Ogren (Sweden)		
Working Party on Road Transport		97th session 27-30 October 2003	TRANS/SC.1/373
Chairman:	Mr. J. Alaluusua (Finland)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. A. Pinson (Russian Federation)		
Ad Hoc Meeting on Implementation of the Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR)		19th session 6 May 2003	TRANS/SC.1/AC.5/38
Chairman:	Mr. M. Rolla (Poland)		
Working Party on Rail Transport		57th session 21-23 October 2003	TRANS/SC.2/200
Chairman:	Mr. G. Szabó (Hungary)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. K. Kulesza (Poland)		
Working Party on Inland Water Transport		47th session 7-9 October 2003	TRANS/SC.3/161
Chairman:	Mr. C. Hofhuizen (Netherlands)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. I. Valkar (Hungary)		
Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation		25th session 19-21 March 2003	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/51
Chairman:	Mr. V. Vorontsov (Russian Federation)	26th session 3-5 June 2003	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/52

STATISTICS

Conference of European Statisticians		51st plenary session 10-12 June 2003	ECE/CES/64
Chairman:	Mr. S. Longva (Norway)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. H. Snorrason (Iceland)		
	Mr. T. Toczynski (Poland)		
	Mr. V. Sokolin (Russian Federation)		
	Mrs. K. Wallman (United States)		
	Mr. L. Cook (United Kingdom)		

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Joint UNECE/ILO Meeting on Consumer Price Indices		4-5 November 2003	CES/AC.49/2003/2
Chairman:	Mr. C. B. Hansen (Denmark)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. R. Gudnason (Iceland)		
Joint UNECE/Eurostat/FAO/OECD Meeting on Food and Agricultural Statistics in Europe		2-4 July 2003	CES/AC.61/2003/2
Chairman:	Mr. D. Chartrand (Canada)		
Vice-Chairman:	Ms. C. Turtoi (Romania)		
Joint UNECE/Eurostat Seminar on Business Registers		25-25 June 2003 (Luxembourg)	CES/SEM.50/2
Chairman:	Mr. J. Perry (United Kingdom)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. H. Picard (France)		
Joint UNECE/UNCATD/UNESCO/ITU/OECD/ Eurostat Statistical Workshop on Monitoring the Information Society: Data, Measurement and Methods		8-9 December 2003	CES/SEM.52/1
Chairman:	Ms. A. Bürgi-Schmelz (Switzerland)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. E. Pereira Nunes (Brazil)		

TRADE, INDUSTRY AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development		7th session 13 & 16 May 2003	ECE/TRADE/306
Chairman:	Mr. A. Safarik-Pstrosz (Czech Republic)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Ms. A. Öktem (Turkey)		
	Mr. R. van Kuik (Netherlands)		
	Mr. T. Toichubaev (Kyrgyzstan)		
Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT)		9th session 12-13 May 2003	TRADE/CEFACT/ 2003/21
Chairman:	Mr. C. Frühwald (Germany)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. K. Itoh (Japan)		
	Mr. S. Mila (IAPH)		
	Mr. J. J. Olumekun (Nigeria)		
	Ms. T. Sorrenti (United States)		
	Mr. R. Walker (United Kingdom)		
Working Party on International Legal and Commercial Practice		51st session 17-19 November 2003	TRADE/WP.5/2003/10
Chairman:	Mr. R. Hall (United Kingdom)		

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Working Party on Technical Harmonization and Standardization Policies	13th session 10-12 November 2003	TRADE/WP.6/2003/16
Chairman: Mr. C. Arvius (Sweden) **Vice-Chairmen:** Mr. D. Podhorsky (Slovakia) Mr. V. Koreshkov (Belarus)		
Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards	59th session 4-6 November 2003	TRADE/WP.7/2003/6
Chairman: Mr. D.L. Priester (United States) **Vice-Chairmen:** Ms. V. Baricicova (Slovakia) Ms. O. Vorovenci (Romania)		
Meeting of Specialized Section on Standardization of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables	49th session 17-20 June 2003	TRADE/WP.7/GE.1/ 2003/26
Chairman: Mr. D. Holliday (Unite Kingdom) **Vice-Chairman:** Ms. U. Bickelmann (Germany)		
Meeting of Specialized Section on Standardization of Dry and Dried Produce (Fruit)	50th session 24-27 June 2003	TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/ 2003/15
Chairman: Mr. B. Cauquil (France) **Vice-Chairman:** Mr. M. Sciannella (Italy)		
Meeting of Specialized Section on Standardization of Early and Ware Potatoes	16th session 24-25 March 2003	TRADE/WP.7/GE.5/ 2003/6
Chairman: Mr. P. de Nolf (Belgium) **Vice-Chairman:** Ms. K. Zgorska (Poland)		
Meeting of Specialized Section on Standardization of Seed Potatoes	33rd session 26-28 March 2003	TRADE/WP.7/GE.6/ 2003/10
Chairman: Mr. P.G. Bianchi (Italy) **Vice-Chairman:** Mr. P.A. Miauton (Switzerland)		
Meeting of Specialized Section on Standardization of Meat	12th session 6-9 May 2003	TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/ 2003/12
Chairman: Mr. B. Carpenter (United States) **Vice-Chairman:** Mr. I. King (Australia)		
Working Party on Industry and Enterprise Development	5th session 12-13 February 2004	TRADE/WP.8/2004/15
Chairman: Ms. J. Habuda (Hungary) **Vice-Chairman:** Ms. D. Karaić (Croatia) Ms. T. Skameykina (Russian Federation)		

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Seminar on Analysis, Methodology of Treatment and Remediation of Contaminated Soils and Groundwater	1-3 April 2003 (Paris, France)	TRADE/WP.8/AC.1/ SEM.7/2002/2
Chairman: Mr. P. Fillet (France)		
Workshop on Policy and Regulatory Options for Promoting Industrial Restructuring in the ECE Region	23 April 2003	TRADE/WP.8/AC.1/ SEM.9/2003/2
Conference on Innovation as a Vehicle for Industrial Restructuring	24 April 2003	TRADE/WP.8/AC.1/ SEM.16/2003/2
Second Regional Forum of Women Entrepreneurs	17-18 March 2003	TRADE/WP.8/AC.4/ SEM.8/2003/5

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

Committee on Sustainable Energy	13th session 19-21 November 2003	ECE/ENERGY/53
Chairman: Mr. M. Greenbaum (United States) **Vice-Chairmen:** Mr. M. Hors (France) Mr. L. Molnar (Hungary) Mr. S. Mikhailov (Russian Federation) Mr. J.-C. Füeg (Switzerland) Mr. T. Cerepnalkovski (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)		
Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Coal in Sustainable Development	6th session 17-18 November 2003	ENERGY/GE.1/2003/3
Chairman: Mr. S. Klimov (Russian Federation) **Vice-Chairmen:** Mr. C. Alexandrescu (Romania) Mr. M. Wališ (Czech Republic)		
Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Electric Power	6th session 18-19 November 2003	ENERGY/GE.2/2003/2
Chairman: Mr. T. Cerepnalkovski (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) **Vice-Chairmen:** Mr. H.Warsch (Germany) Mr. V. Dzhangirov (Russian Federation)		
Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the Harmonization of Energy Reserves/Resources Terminology	3rd session 30-31 October 2003	ENERGY/GE.3/2003/6
Chairman: Mr. S. Heiberg (Norway) **Vice-Chairman:** Mr. T. Ahlbrandt (United States) Mr. A. Subelj (Slovenia)		

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Working Party on Gas		14th session 20-21 January 2004	ENERGY/WP.3/ 2004/2
Chairman:	Mr. B. Rey (Poland)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. N. Coupaye (France) Mr. F. De Lichtervelde (Belgium) Mr. I Ponomarenko (Urkaine)		
Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the Supply and Use of Gas		5th session 22 January 2003	ENERGY/WP.3/GE.5/ 2004/2
Chairman:	Mr. A. Zedelj (Croatia)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Mrs. M.T. Sao Pedro (Portugal) Mr. A. Fronski (Poland) Mr. A. Karasevich (Russian Federation)		
Steering Committee of the Energy Efficiency 21 Project		14th session 27-28 May 2003	ENERGY/WP.4/ 2003/8
Chairman:	Mr. B. Laponche (France)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. T. Dahlsveen (Norway) Mr. Z. Genchev (Bulgaria) Mr. T. Sacco (United States) Mrs. M. Presutto (Italy) Mr. B. Reutov (Russian Federation)		
UNF/UNFIP Experts Team on Energy Efficiency Investments for Climate Change Mitigation		6th meeting 28 May 2003	ENERGY/WP.4/ 2003/9
Chairman:	Mr. B. Jamet (France)		
Seminar on Financing Energy Efficiency Investments		26 May 2003	ENERGY/WP.4/ 2003/7
Chairman:	Mr. B. Jamet (France)		

TIMBER

Timber Committee		61st session 7-10 October 2003	ECE/TIM/2003/2
Chairman:	Mr. G.F. Borlea (Romania)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. J. Serveau (Canada) Mr. H. Pajuoja (Finland)		
Seminar on Strategies for the Sound Use of Wood		24-27 March 2003 Poiana Brasov (Romania)	TIM/SEM.1/2003/2
Chairman:	Mr. O. Ionescu (Romania)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. F. Borlea (Romania)		

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Steering Committee of the Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training		16th session 12-14 October 2003 Palarikovo (Slovakia)	TIM/EFC/WP.1/ 2003/2
Chairman:	Mr. H. Höfle (Germany)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. D. McAree (Ireland) Mr. M. Büchel (Switzerland) Mr. P. Efthymiou (Greece)		
Seminar on Close to Nature Forestry		14-19 October 2003 Zvolen (Slovakia)	TIM/EFC/WP.1/ SEM.57/2003/3
Chairman:	Mr. J. Ilavsky (Slovakia)		

HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

Committee on Human Settlements		64th session 15-17 September 2003	ECE/HBP/129
Chairman:	Ms. E. Szolgayová (Slovakia)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Ms. D. Andoni (Albania) Mr. W. Förster (Austria) Ms. D. Grabmüllerova (Czech Republic) Mr. H. van Eyk (Netherlands) Mr. M. Zawislak (Poland) Mr. B. Kjellson (Sweden)		
Working Party on Land Administration		3rd session 17-18 November 2003	HBP/WP.7/2003/8
Chairman:	Mr. B. Kjellson (Sweden)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. A. Overchuk (Russian Federation)		

Technical Cooperation Unit

Conference on the Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (UN/SPECA)		23-24 June 2003	ECE/OPA/CONF.2/ 2003/2
Chairman:	Mr. Y. Levy (Israel)		
CIS Forum on Youth: «Youth of the XXI Century: Realities and Perspectives»		24-26 September 2003 (Kiev, Ukraine)	ECE/OPA/CONF.3/ 2003/2
Chairman:	Ms. V. Dovzhenko (Ukraine)		

ANNEX II

PUBLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSION

A. LIST OF MAJOR ECE STUDIES AND PUBLICATIONS, 2003/2004

The language versions issued are indicated by the following abbreviations: E, English; F, French; R, Russian; E/F, bilingual (English/French); E/F/R, trilingual (English/French/Russian).

GENERAL

Annual Report of the ECE to ECOSOC, 10 May 2002-6 March 2003 Supplement No. 17 (E/2003/37-E/ECE/1406)	E F R
Economic Survey of Europe, 2003, N°1 (Sales N° 03.II.E.26)	E F R
Economic Survey of Europe, 2003, N°2 (Sales N° 03.II.E.27)	E F R
Economic Survey of Europe, 2004, N°1 (Sales N° 04.II.E.7)	E F R

Occasional Papers

N° 1: The Role of Institutions in Economic Development, Gunnar Myrdal Lecture (Sales N° 03.II.E.50)	E
N° 2: The Accession of Central European Countries to the European Union: The Trade and Investment Effects on Belarus, the Russian Federation and Ukraine (Sales N° 03.II.E.54)	E

Population

Ageing Populations: Opportunities and Challenges for Europe and North America (Sales N° 03.II.E.39)	E
Population Ageing and Socio-Economic Status of Older Persons in Latvia (Sales N° 03.II.E.57)	E
Population Ageing and Socio-Economic Status of Older Persons in Estonia (Sales N° 03.II.E.60)	E
Population Ageing and Socio-Economic Status of Older Persons in Lithuania (Sales N° 04.II.E.5)	E

ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Monitoring and Reporting in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (ECE/CEP/118) (Sales N° E.03.II.E.33)	E R
Guidelines on Reforming Energy Pricing and Subsidies (ECE/CEP/121:ECE/ENERGY/54) (Sales N° 03.II.E.52)	E/F/R

Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (ECE/MP.EIA/2003/3)	E/F/R
The Aarhus Convention, an Implementation Guide	F
Environmental Performance Reviews Series	
Environmental Policy in Transition: Ten Years of UNECE Environmental Performance Reviews (ECE/CEP/119) (Sales N° 03.II.E.48)	E F R
Environmental Performance Reviews – Lessons from Central and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (CD-ROM) (Sales N° GV.E.03.0.11)	E
N° 15 – Yugoslavia (Sales N° 03.II.E.24)	E
N° 16 – Albania (Sales N° 03.II.E.23)	E
N° 17 – The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (Sales N° 03.II.E.21)	E
N° 18 – Georgia (Sales N° 03.II.E.35)	E
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